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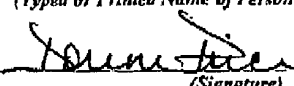
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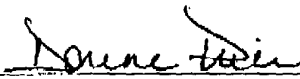
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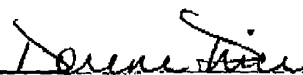
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111Introductory Comments

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to an Office Action of March 23, 2004. The Examiner has objected to the present claims based on section 112, first and second paragraphs, and has rejected the present claims for being anticipated and obvious. Applicants respectfully traverse the objections and rejections and request that the following remarks be considered with respect to the subject matter of the claims.